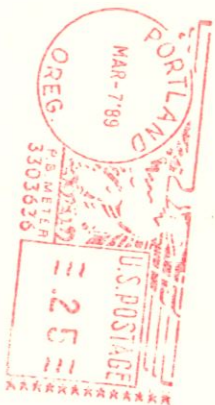


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I regret to inform you that your application for a grant under the Trust's Small Grants Program was not approved for funding. We received 89 eligible proposals requesting well over \$600,000. The Trust has allocated approximately \$125,000 each quarter for this program.

Unfortunately, because of the large number of requests we have received under this and other programs, we will not be able to discuss with you the action on your proposal. The Trust will only be able to operate the Small Grants Program if we are able to keep the administrative demands of the program to a minimum. We hope you will understand this, and we request that you not call the Trust with questions regarding the declination of your proposal.

This is a new program, and necessarily it will take some time to achieve a widespread understanding of the types of projects that will be favored. However, there are some clarifications that can be made at this point. These are:

This program is designed to support small projects; it is not intended to contribute small amounts of much larger budgets. We are not inviting requests for projects that require significantly more dollars than the amount requested from the Trust. Larger projects should be submitted under our regular general purpose grantmaking program.

Projects which contain significant "contingency" conditions will not be considered. If there is any uncertainty about a project being carried out promptly after a Trust grant is made, due to the necessity to raise additional funds or otherwise, such a request will not be approved. As indicated above, the Trust must operate this program in the simplest possible fashion, and we will not be able to accommodate the additional administrative requirements involved in "contingency" situations.

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This program is not intended to provide partial support for activities already in operation which involve no significant change. This does not mean that all forms of operating support are excluded, but this type of support will be approved only in special circumstances.

Many projects which have none of the conditions described above will not be approved because of the competitive nature of a situation in which far more dollars are requested than are allocated for the program. Understandably, there will be differences of opinion over what should be chosen under such circumstances.

We are sorry that we could not be helpful to all who applied, but this is not possible. If you feel you have a suitable project in the future, we hope you will submit another proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles S. Rooks".

Charles S. Rooks
Executive Director

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